

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003 in which claims 1-4 and 9-13 were rejected. Claims 5-8 and 14-20 were previously withdrawn from consideration. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended and claim 2 has been canceled.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention. By way of this Amendment, the title has been corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to cancel features not shown in the drawings. Therefore, the rejection must be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully submits that these claim amendments also overcome the claim objections noted on page 4 of the Office Action.

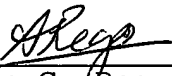
On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 9 and 10 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Neal, U.S. Patent 2,000,665. Further, on page 6 of the Office Action, claims 11-13 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neal.

At the bottom of page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the specification and drawings support the limitation "surround" and if the Applicant wishes patent protection for a loop that surrounds the battery post, Applicant must amend the claims in a manner consistent with that limitation. Applicant has amended the claims in a manner consistent with this limitation. Since Neal does not show a loop that surrounds the battery post, independent 1 and dependent claims 3-4 and 9-13 are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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